CLIENT ADVISORY

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US-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) News

Dear Valued U.S. Import Customer,

On May 11, 2020, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) announced the launch of a new US-Mexico-Canada Center comprised of CBP experts from operational, legal and audit disciplines. The Center will be the central communication hub for CBP and the trade community regarding USMCA and its implementation. It will focus on outreach, training, and development of new regulations and procedures, while providing consistent and transparent guidance to the trade. The Center staff will work with representatives from Canada and Mexico customs authorities, in addition to the Centers of Excellence and Expertise and the ports to ensure a uniform implementation and support of the U.S. economic security.

Many details are still being worked on by the U.S., Canada and Mexico, and with CBP and the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) in order to complete uniform regulations and final implementation processes. The new agreement greatly affects the automotive industry, textile and wearing apparel companies, and agricultural businesses. Origin marking, regional value content calculation, product identification (for core automotive parts), and quotas are just a few of the subjects still to be finalized. If the USMCA claim is not made at time of entry, a Section 520(d) request can be made to request a refund. However, MPF is under different regulations and would not be refundable until those are amended.

Resources:

CBP USMCA Center News Release

CBP USMCA Information and FAQs

USTR USMCA Press Release Regarding July 1st Implementation Date

Agreement between the United States, United Mexican States, and Canada - Full Text

Thank you for being our Valued Customer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your C.H. Robinson commercial representative for further information.

Sincerely,

C.H. Robinson



